

**AN ORDINANCE
BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 05-O-0685 AND AMENDING THE 2005 (INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND) BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, BY ADDING TO ANTICIPATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500,000 FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY FOR CONTINUATION OF THE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) TASK FORCE AND CONTINUE DISRUPTION OF DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Police Department has been an active participant in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) task force for the past ten years, and

WHEREAS, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy grants funding to local task forces responsible for disrupting and dismantling violent drug trafficking organizations, and

WHEREAS, these federal funds require a 'pass through' agency to disburse payments for task force expenses that are completely federally funded, and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation has acted as 'pass through' agency for this program but has opted to no longer do so, and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Police Department has been selected to serve as the 'pass through' agency in place of the GBI, and

WHEREAS, federal grant funds to fund task force operations will now be awarded to the Atlanta Police Department,

WHEREAS, ORDINANCE 05-O-0685, previously adopted by the Atlanta City Council mistakenly included transfer of prior years' grant funds from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, which the City is now informed will not be part of the funding package.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Section one: that the 2005 (Intergovernmental Grant Fund) Budget, Department of Police be and is hereby amended as follows:

ADD TO ANTICIPATIONS

1B02	J53X0210ACD0	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Task Force
	631101	\$3,500,000

ADD TO APPROPRIATIONS

1B02	X11T0754ACD0	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Task Force
71*****	Personal Services	\$ 1,140,000
72*****	Operating Expenses	<u>2,360,000</u>
		\$3,500,000

Section two: that all ORDINANCES or parts of ORDINANCES in conflict with the terms contained herein are hereby repealed.

Section three: that Ordinance 05-O-0685 is hereby rescinded.



CITY OF ATLANTA

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Atlanta Police Department
Richard J. Pennington
Chief of Police

May 27, 2005

Shirley Franklin, Mayor
City of Atlanta
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mayor Franklin:

The Atlanta Police Department will be assuming the role of lead agency for the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) grant program. Accordingly, I recently sent to you an ORDINANCE to anticipate and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$5.4 million, based on information received from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation regarding the amount of funding from current and prior years grant awards. ORDINANCE number 05-O-0685 was drafted based on the representation from the GBI that \$5.4 million would be transferred to the City for the HIDTA program. After the ORDINANCE began working through the legislative process, the GBI informed us that they would not, after all transfer the awards from fiscal years 2003 and 2004 to us, but only the 2005 award.

Essentially, the GBI is now telling us that only \$3.5 million will be awarded to us. Accordingly, I have directed my staff to prepare a new ORDINANCE to rescind 05-O-0685 and to anticipate and appropriate the \$3.5 million that will finally be awarded to the City

To correct the amount of grant funds to be awarded and expedite our assumption of lead agency status for HIDTA, I request that you forward the attached ORDINANCE to City Council for consideration.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Pennington
Chief of Police

RJP:drb

Legislative White Paper

Committee of Purview: Public Safety and Legal Administration

Caption AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 05-O-0685 AND AMENDING THE 2005 (INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND) BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, BY ADDING TO ANTICIPATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500,000 FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY FOR CONTINUATION OF THE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) TASK FORCE AND CONTINUE DISRUPTION OF DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Council Meeting Date: June 20, 2005

Legislation Title: HIDTA APPROPRIATIONS CORRECTION

Requesting Dept.: Police

Contract Type: Grant

Source Selection: Not applicable

Bids/Proposals Due: Not applicable

Invitations Issued: Not applicable

Number of Bids/ Not applicable

Proposals Received: Not applicable

Bidders/Proponents: Not applicable

Justification Statement: ORDINANCE number 05-O-0685 anticipated and appropriated a total of \$5,400,000 for HIDTA Task Force operations, with the Atlanta Police Department assuming the role of lead agency for this grant, based on erroneous information provided by the GBI. In fact, the City will receive \$3,500,000 for the HIDTA Task Force. This ORDINANCE rescinds the previous paper and anticipates and appropriates the correct amount.

Background: The HIDTA Task Force is one of several operating in the United States and has been in operation since the mid-1990s to support multi-jurisdictional units organized to disrupt major drug trafficking organizations. Up until now, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation has been the lead agency, administering the federal funds. GBI no longer wishes to perform this function, and the Atlanta Police Department will now assume the role.

Fund Account Center: To be assigned by the Department of Finance upon award of the grants.

Source of Funds: White House Office of National Drug Control Police

Fiscal Impact: None, 100% grant funded

Term of Contract: One year

Method of Cost Recovery: Not applicable

Approvals:

DOF:

DOL:

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